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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING
HELD AT BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 10, 1974:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE NATO NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP (NPG), MEETING IN MINIS-
TERIAL SESSION, HELD ITS SIXTEENTH MEETING TODAY IN NATO HEAD-
QUARTERS, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION THE NPG HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF AGREED POLICY CONCERNING NUCLEAR ISSUES OF INTEREST
TO NATO. AT TODAY'S MEETING, THE MINISTERS CONSIDERED THE
STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF NATO'S NUCLEAR DEFENCE, INCLUDING THE CURRENT
STRATEGIC BALANCE, AND THEY DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE
VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENTS.

THE MINISTERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE RECENT LEGISLATION IN THE
UNITED STATES CALLING FOR AN EXAMINATION OF THE DOCTRINE FOR
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THE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OF NATO'S NUCLEAR
POSTURE AND ITS CONNECTION WITH THE ON-GOING NPG WORK. THEY
AGREED ON THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF SUCH WEAPONS WITHIN
THE NATO STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE.

DURING THE SESSION THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS BRIEFED THE
MINISTERS ON SOME OF THE PLANNING OPTIONS OPEN TO NATO. RE-
VIEWING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NPG, THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED
THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE NPG'S WORK IS ESSENTIAL IN FURTHERING
NATO'S STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE WHICH IS FOUNDED UPON A SPECTRUM
OF CREDIBLE MILITARY CAPABILITIES DESIGNED TO CONTEND WITH
AGGRESSION ON ANY LEVEL.

MINISTERS AGREED TO HOLD THE NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING
IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE SPRING OF 1975.

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